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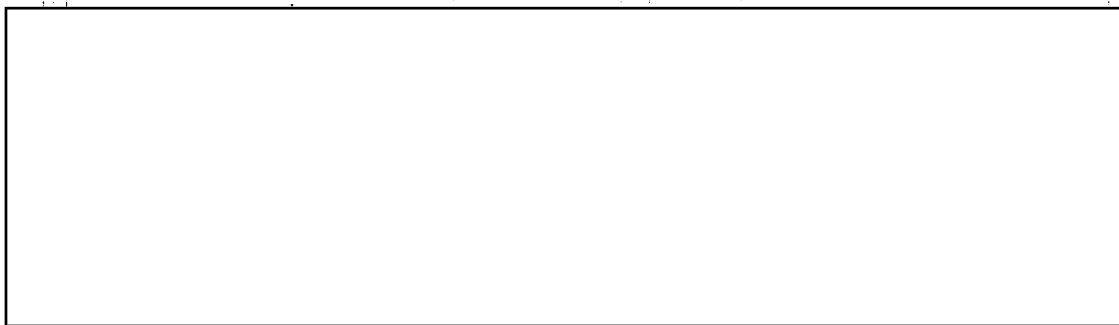
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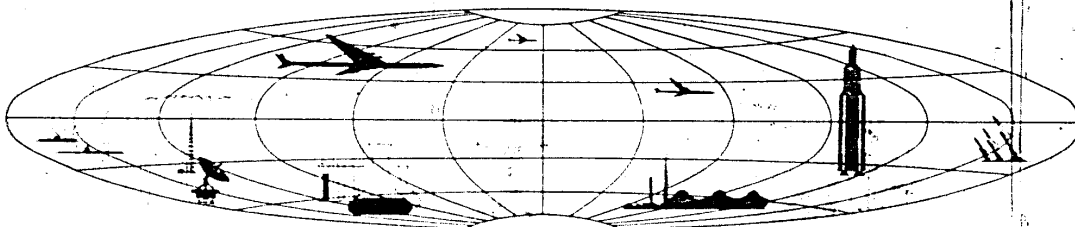
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA

(51-37N ¹¹⁴44-06E)

BOLSHAYA TURA, CHITA OBLAST, USSR
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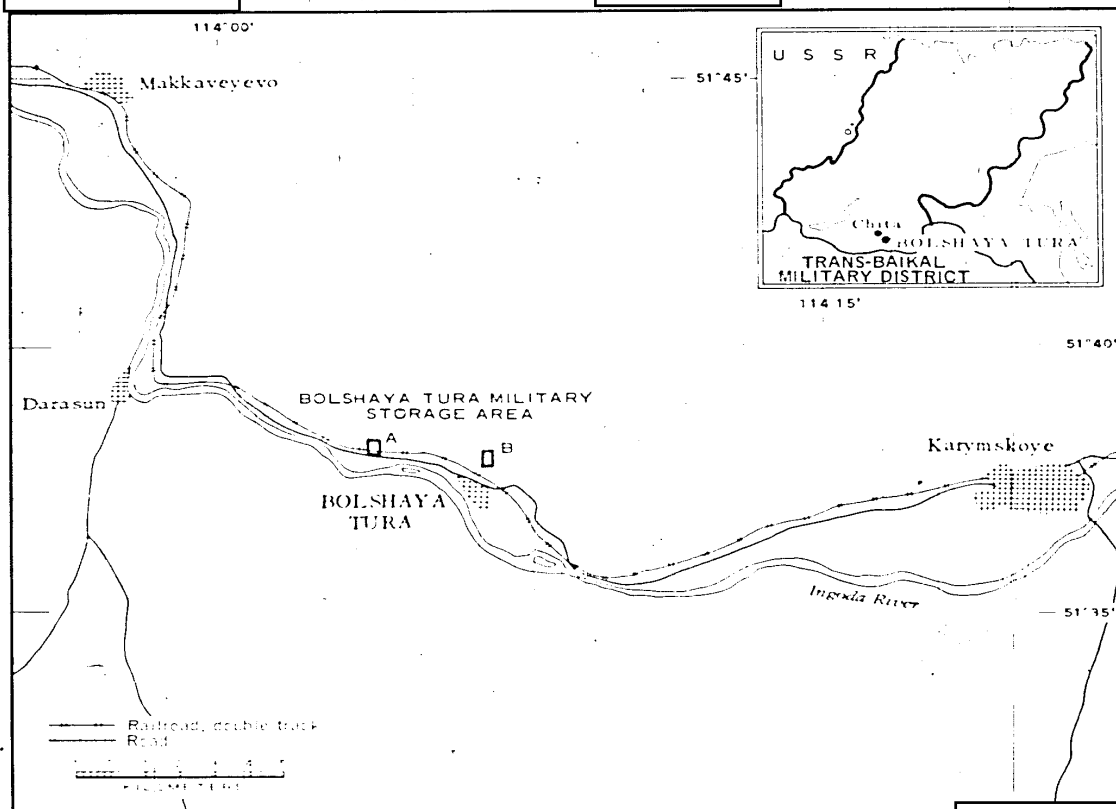


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA.

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SUMMARY

Bolshaya Tura Military Storage Area (Figure 1) is located 62 kilometers (km) SE of Chita (52-02N 113-28E) and 16 km west of Karymskoye (51-42N 114-20E). The installation (Figures 2-5) consists of two separate areas, a general storage area located 3.5 nm WNW of Bolshaya Tura and an explosives storage area one km north of the town. The installation is served by the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad and by a probable hard surface, all-weather road.

The general storage area consists of the following elements: a probable general storage area encompassing approximately 390 acres, enclosed by a fence and fire break, and containing 14 possible storage buildings and 22 possible support buildings; a possible billeting area encompassing approximately 240 acres and containing 11 possible billets and 28 other buildings; and a secured probable billeting area located in the eastern sector of the storage

area containing 4 probable barracks; one probable administration building, 10 support buildings, and other partially obscured possible buildings throughout the wooded areas.

The explosives storage area consists of the following elements: a probable explosives storage area enclosed by a fence and fire break containing 24 revetted buildings within the fenced compound and eight other buildings outside the compound with other partially obscured possible buildings throughout the wooded areas; and a fenced probable support area located one km WNW of Bolshaya Tura containing three probable equipment storage buildings and 14 other buildings.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Chita-Otpor rail line bisects the general storage area and passes near the explosives storage area on the southwest side.

Road Service

A probable hard surface, all-weather road connects the installation with points north and south along the rail line. Secondary roads and improved trails connect the surrounding area.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The nearest facility is Chita Airfield Northwest, approximately 68 km northwest.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 4) contains 11 possible barracks, 28 probable support buildings, and other possible buildings obscured by woods.

Area D2 contains four probable barracks, one probable administration building, and 10 probable support buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 14 possible storage buildings, 22 possible support buildings and other possible buildings obscured by woods.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F (Figure 5) contains 24 probable revetted explosives storage buildings (sixteen 170 by 50 feet, two 110 by 50 feet, two 85 by 35 feet, and four of undetermined size) and eight probable support buildings scattered outside the main explosives storage area. Other possible buildings are obscured by woods.

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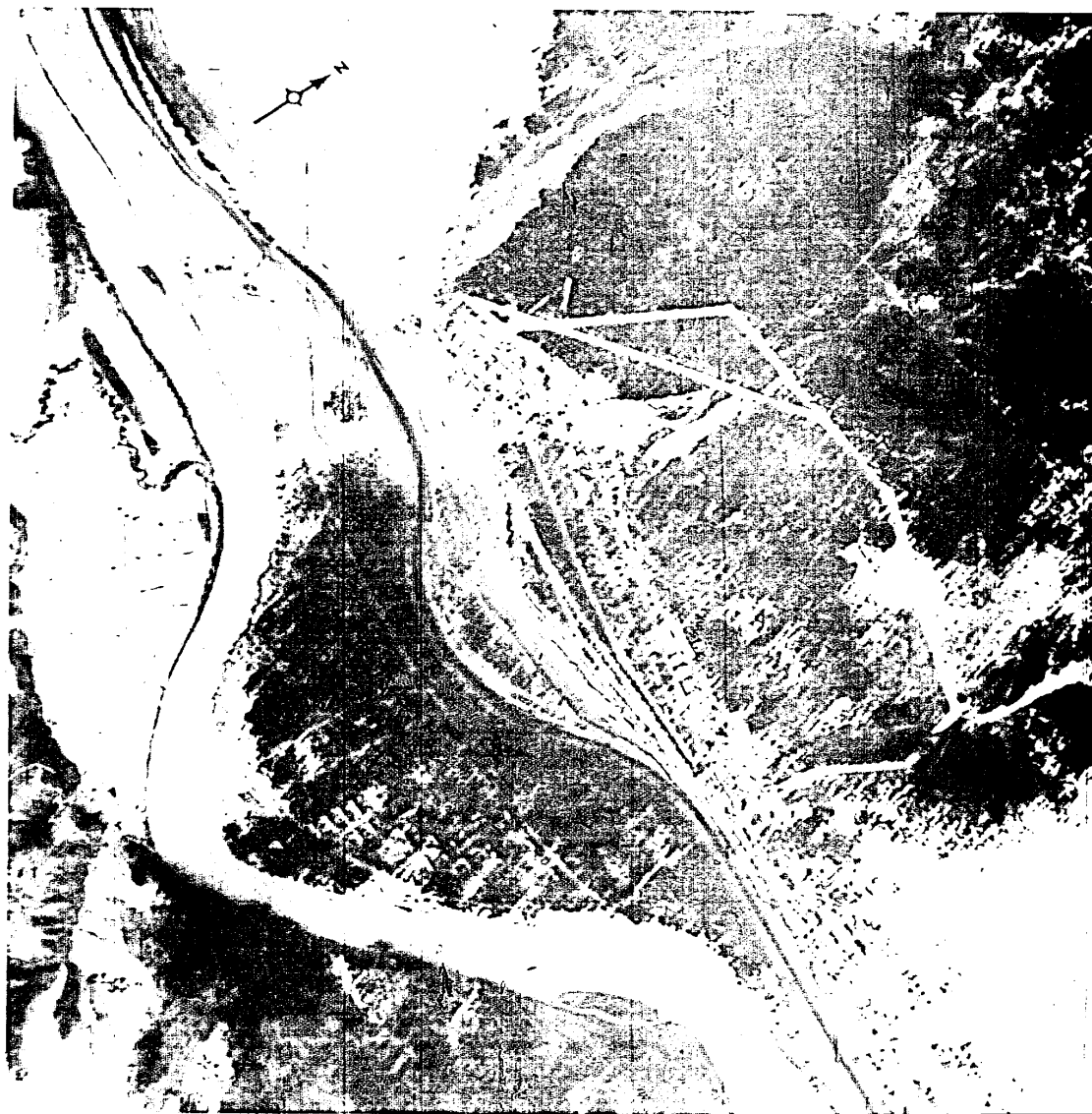


FIGURE 2. BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA, GENERAL STORAGE AREA, USSR

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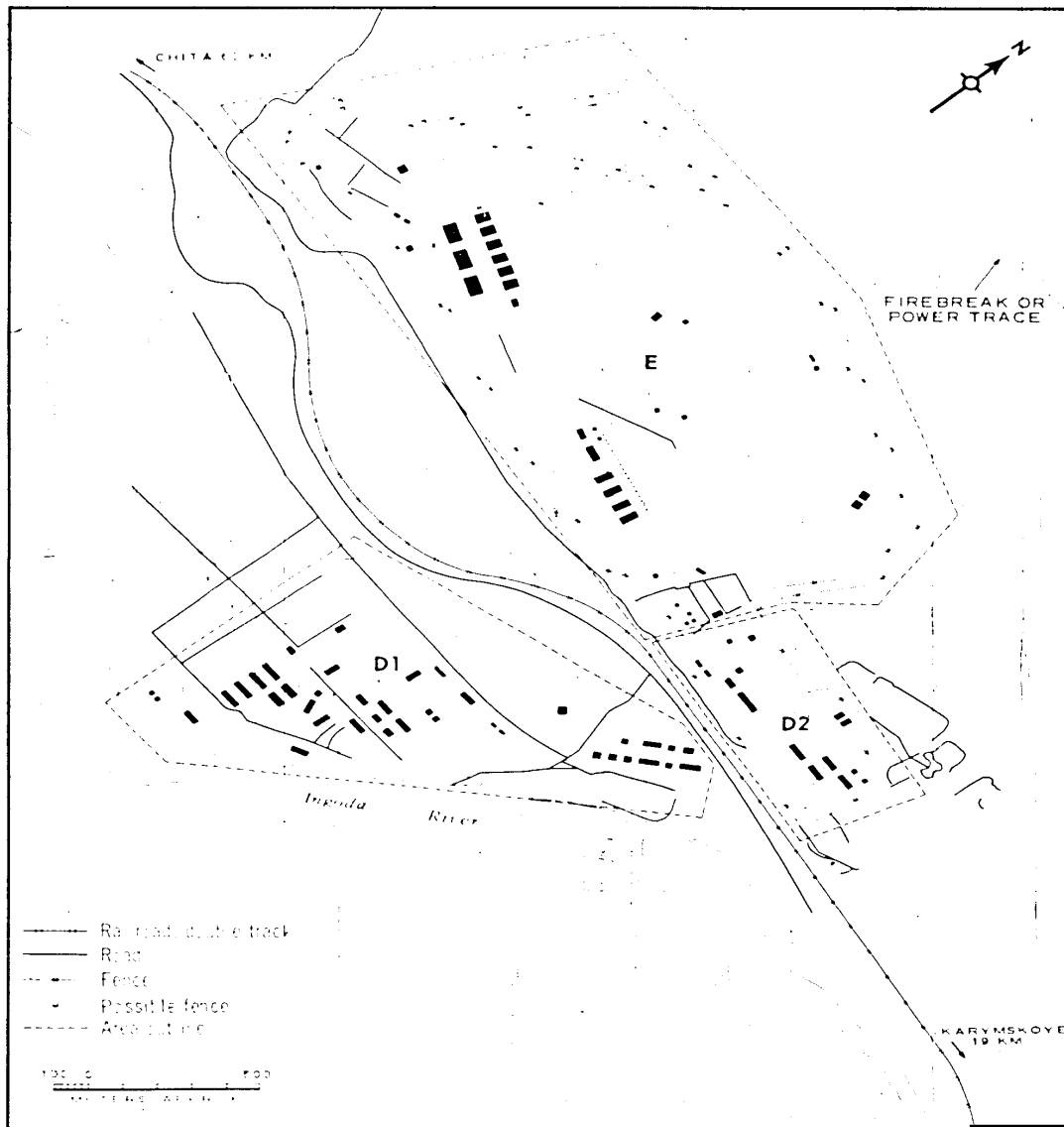


FIGURE 3. BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA, GENERAL STORAGE AREA, USSR.

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FIGURE 4. BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA (EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA). Sketch compiled from

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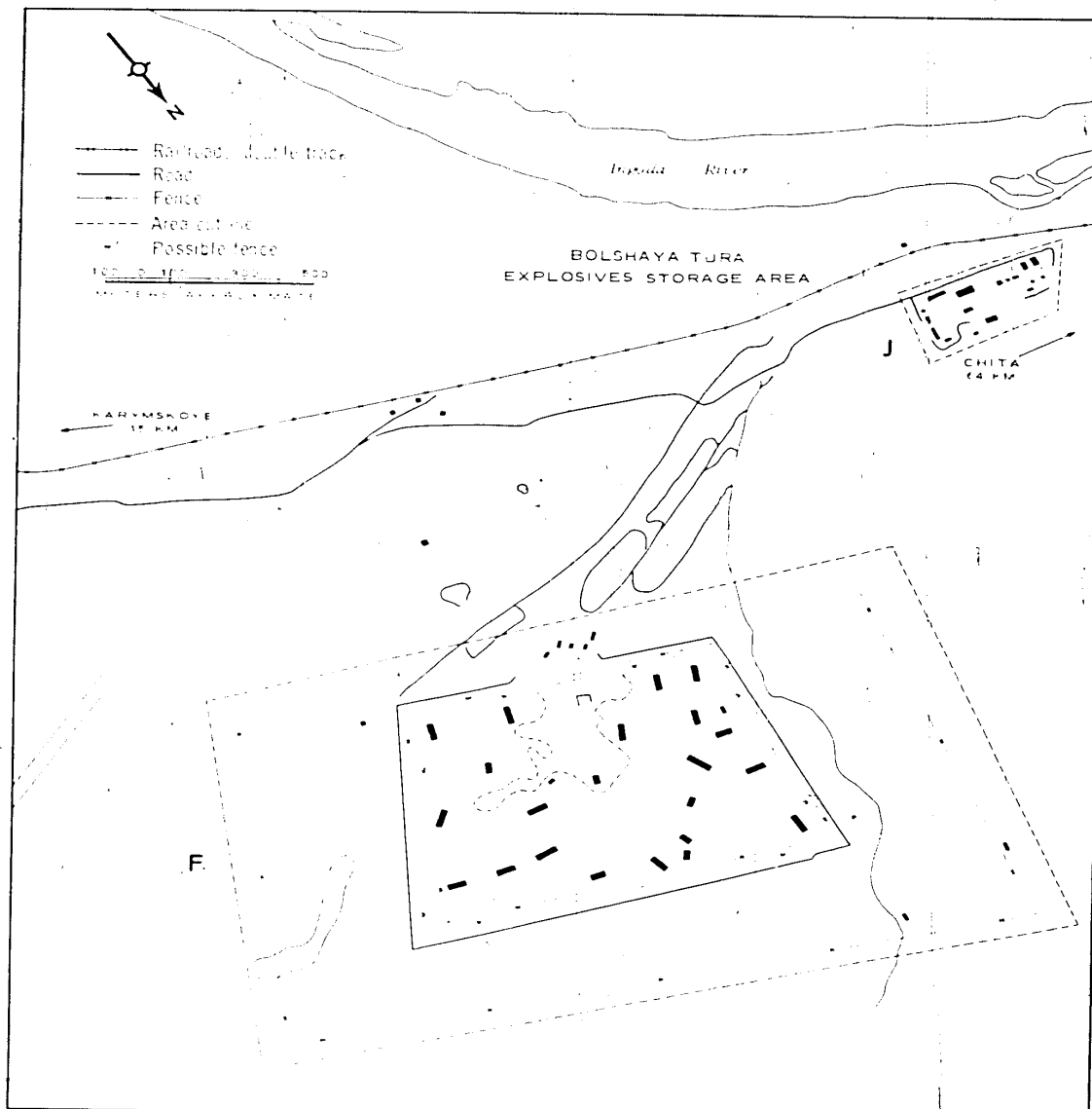


FIGURE 5. BOLSHAYA TURA MILITARY STORAGE AREA EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA. Sketch compiled from

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Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains 3 probable equipment storage buildings (two 180 by 50 feet and one 90 by 50 feet), and 14 support buildings, and is

a probable support area for the explosives storage area. Track activity appears to be of the same level in

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